



California Corona Annex

Facility and Location

Corona Annex site was purchased in December 1941. Portions were disposed of periodically from 1949 until after 1986. A 245 acre portion of the site was still owned by Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach at the time of the Preliminary Assessment. Corona Annex is currently a Formerly Used Defense Site (FUDS). Improvements during DoD ownership included a large hospital and supporting facilities, including an incinerator and landfill.

Media Sampled and Findings

In the summer of 2003, the California Regional Water Quality Control Boards requested information from DoD regarding perchlorate in drinking water. DoD worked with California regulators to establish an interagency working group and a methodology for prioritizing sites for sampling to determine the extent of the problem potentially attributable to DoD. The California Perchlorate Sampling Prioritization Protocol allows California to assist DoD in prioritizing the investigation of suspected sites and to focus resources on the sites that may have the greatest impact to the public. Corona Annex was identified as a site for additional consideration and possible sampling per the California Perchlorate Site Prioritization Protocol.

Appropriate Actions

Based on further study, the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board has agreed with findings that this site is not a source of perchlorate.